

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 7, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 21, 27-30, 32, 34-39, 41, 42, 51, 53, 56 and 57 have been amended. Claims 1-58 are in this application.

The claims were objected to as informal. The typographical errors have been corrected in claims 6 and 34.

Claims 1-10 and 41-58 were rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite for omitting essential elements. The Examiner indicated the environment of claims 1-10 would be statutory if the recited software elements are coupled with hardware elements to provide a tangible implementation. Claims 1 and 41 have been amended to recite an application network as a hardware element. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 4, lines 28-30 and page 6, lines 11-22. No new matter has been added.

The previously presented claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant has amended the term "negotiations" to "negotiate scripts".

Claims 1-20, 27-45 and 51-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as indefinite.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that said object interfaces are compatible.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 have been amended to provide a proper antecedent basis for "object for performing object operations" as defined in claim 1. Claims 11-13, 21-27, 30, 32-39, 41, 42, 51, 53 and 55-57 have been amended to "first objects" to provide antecedent basis for "objects" recited in the claims.

The previously presented claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by the inventor's dissertation of "OMSOFT" A Change Management Paradigm". Applicant submits that the inventor's dissertation was published by UMI Microfilm in 1999 which is either after Applicant's priority date or less than one year before Applicant's priority date of April 29, 1999. Accordingly, this reference is not applicable to the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is

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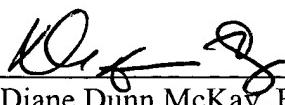


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believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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